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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial no. 09/537,606 filed on 03/29/00 by JOSEPH HONEIN, for Title: COMPOSITE SCAFFOLDING PLANK AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME.

1. ☒ Enclosed: ☒ is a complete application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) and ☒ the oath or declaration of the prior application as originally filed. (See items 8 and 9 for drawing requirements.)

2. The applicant:

☒ is a small entity

☐ is not a small entity

3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW AND INCLUDING THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

Fee	Fee for small entity			Fee for other than small entity		
	No. filed	No. extra	Rate	Fee OR	Rate	Fee
Basic fee				\$370	OR	\$740
Total claims	16 - 20 =	0 (*)	X 9= \$	OR	X 18=	\$0
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	1 (*)	X 42= \$	OR	X 84=	\$0
Multiple Dep.clms.present			+140=\$	OR	+280=	\$0
Total			\$370	OR	Total	\$

\* If the difference in Column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Column 2.

4. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0740 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

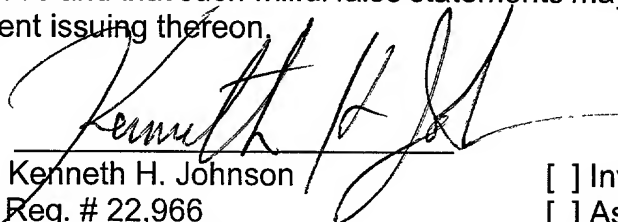
5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 370 is enclosed.

6. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

7. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:---This is a  
☐ continuation,  
☐ division,  
☐ of application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
8. ☐ Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application and  
☐ transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only  
be used if signed by person authorized by 37 CFR 1.138.)
9. ☐ New ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings are enclosed.
10. ☐ Priority of application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (country) is  
claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been filed in prior application serial  
no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
11. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Kenneth H. Johnson, Reg. No. 22,966,  
P.O. Box 630708, Houston, Texas 77263.
- a. ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☒ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the  
prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ **Address all future communications to Kenneth H. Johnson, P.O. Box 630708,  
Houston, Texas 77263.**
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been  
properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest  
numbered original claim in the prior application).
14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement ☐ from the priority application ☒ with references.

The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of his or her own  
knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;  
and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and  
the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18  
of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the  
application or any patent issuing thereon.

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☐ Filed under § 1.34(a)